

SENATE BILL 1648  
By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 38  
and Title 49, relative to college and university security  
officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-118, is amended by adding the  
following as a new subsection:

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(1) Security officers properly commissioned and qualified in accordance  
with the policies of the board of regents and board of trustees and this section  
may enter into such written mutual assistance or other agreements with other law  
enforcement agencies, including a county sheriff's department, municipal police  
department, judicial district drug task force, Tennessee bureau of investigation or  
Tennessee highway patrol, as are necessary to preserve and protect the  
property, students and employees of the college or university employing the  
officers and to otherwise perform their duties. Such agreements may provide for  
the exchange of law enforcement officers and security officers when required for  
a particular purpose or for mutual assistance to effectuate arrests, execute  
search warrants and perform other law enforcement functions when either the  
security officers or law enforcement officers find it necessary to act outside of  
their statutory jurisdiction.

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(2) When acting pursuant to a written mutual assistance or other agreement, a law enforcement officer or security officer shall have the same legal status and immunity from suit as officers of the agency the officer is assisting. A law enforcement officer or security officer acting pursuant to such an assistance agreement shall be covered by the liability insurance policy of the agency of the officer's regular employment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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